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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and cited in the international search report. With the exception of the U.S. patent, a copy of each listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese patent publication no. 6-188215. Corresponds to U.S. patent no. 5,099,130.

2. Japanese patent publication no. 11-354064. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 3, 4, 8, and 9 of the specification of the present application.

3. Japanese patent publication no. 7-302568.

4. Japanese patent publication no. 2002-175771.

5. Japanese patent publication no. 6-196118.

6. Japanese patent publication no. 3-233845. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 2 and 9 of the specification of the present application.

7. Japanese patent publication no. 3358336. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 3 and 9 of the specification of the present application.

8. Japanese patent publication no. 2969788. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 57 of the specification of the present application.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, items 1-5 listed above, enclosed is an English-language translation of the international search report from the Japanese Patent Office from which this national phase U.S. application is derived citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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